

The World's Greatest Gift

(NKJV) Ho 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.

WITHOUT THE REVELATION OF THIS GIFT, I WILL NOT DEVELOP THE EXPECTATION AND WILL CERTAINLY NOT EXPERIENCE THE MANIFESTATION

- I. The Creator and Man had a great relationship in the beginning
 - A. They communicated with each other freely and spent much time together.
 - B. Every need that Man had was given to him by God. He lacked nothing! Nothing! All things were available to him.
 - 1. No sickness no pain no suffering no war no heart no confusion just complete happiness and fulfillment
 - C. Man's rejection of God change that. God does not like rejection!
 - 1. Nor does he accept second-place to anything or any person!
 - D. Man, now feared God and hid from him. Without God man was nothing but a weak lost dying created animal.
 - 1. After eating from the tree of knowledge – they developed knowledge for themselves. They saw no further need for God and revealed this by rejecting him by hiding from him.

(NKJV) Ge 3:8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

Hid themselves in the earth

9 Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." 11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"

- 2. The entire Bible from Genesis to Revelation can be summed up as simply a book about God's search for man to trust him above his own reasoning.

THE BIBLE IS A BOOK ABOUT GOD'S SEARCH FOR MAN TO TRUST HIM

- E. God revealed himself by searching for man. He went looking for man. He wanted to see if man would be willing or wanted to restore his relationship with him. This would put my hand back into a strong position in the earth.
 - 1. Unfortunately, Man rejected God and almost every man continues to do so even to this day. Everyone wanting to go their own way.
 - 2. However, God wanted to restore the relationship.

3. He wanted man to want to be with him.
 - a. He wanted man to seek after him, like he sought after man!
- F. He would give various signs to point man back to him. Today we will discuss one sign of how to be strong again!

(NKJV) Is 7:14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

II. What this really means

- A. God has given us a gift and it is at this time we remember the gift.
 1. The gift is not of things, not material things. Get it!
 - a. Not what we usually think
 - (1) Not life, though it is a part of it
 - (2) Not healing, though it is a part of it
 - (3) Not prosperity, though it is a part of it
 - (4) Not the Holy Spirit, though He is a part of it
 - (5) Not religion, not church, not a denomination
 2. It is the gift of himself and the relationship we had before seeking the knowledge of the world and leaning on our understanding of things he created.

(NKJV) Jn 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
- B. See it repeated and proven in the Matthew

(NKJV) Mt 1:23 “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”

 1. Emmanuel is God with us, as translated by Matthew
 2. God gave us himself, to be with us! So, no one can separate us from him.
 - a. However, we can walk away from him.
 3. He gave the gift of Himself
 - a. To provide comfort, peace, life abundantly!

(NKJV) Jn 10:10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.
- C. The writer of Hebrews says of the purpose of God with us was for him to die to defeat Satan and set men free from death.

(NIV84) Heb 2:14 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— 15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

16 For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. 17 For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. 18 Because he himself

suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

THE GIFT WAS GIVEN TO GIVE A PARDON TO MAN FOR HIS TREACHERY IN THE GARDEN

1. Thus, the gift was to give a pardon to man from the sentence passed upon him in the garden for his rebellion in the Garden.
(NKJV) Ge 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

(NKJV) Ro 5:12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—

(NKJV) Ro 5:18 Therefore, as through one man’s offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man’s righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. 19 For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man’s obedience many will be made righteous. 20 Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, 21 so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2. We are now considered as his sons
(NKJV) Jn 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:
3. The gift was given so we might be able to do the work of God in the earth with his help
(NKJV) 2 Co 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

- D. He is God born of a woman, given from God
(NKJV) Is 9:6 For unto us a **Child is born**, Unto us a **Son is given**; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

II. He is God with us. Nobody else has affected history like this man **HE WAS PROCLAIMED BEFORE HIS BIRTH**

- A. He was spoken of before his birth, even at the dawn of man

(NKJV) Ge 3:15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.”

1. This scripture in Isaiah and especially Isa 53
2. He lived the life that was prophesied about him
3. He lived a life of the supernatural and gave us the ability to do the same if we allow him to dwell mightily in us
4. No sin was found in him, no fault

ANGELS SPOKE OF HIM

B. The Word of Angels

1. To Mary

(NKJV) Lk 1:26 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel (one of two mentioned Michael is the other) was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. 28 And having come in, the angel said to her, “Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!” 29 But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. 30 Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”

34 Then Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I do not know a man?” 35 And the angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit (Ruach HaKodesh same as the Ruach Elohim that hovered over the waters before God said let there be light) will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. 36 Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. 37 For with God nothing will be impossible.” 38 Then Mary said, “Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

a. His birth of a virgin - God can do whatever he wants to do!

2. and Joseph

(NKJV) Mt 1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. 20 But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, (from the Greek word Kurios, most likely in this instance

meaning YHVH) saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. 21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.” 22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 23 “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.” 24 Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, 25 and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

3. To the shepherds
(NKJV) Lk 2:8 Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. 10 Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. 11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.” 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 14 “Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”

THE STARS, THE PROPHETS AND THE WISE MEN SPOKE OF HIM

- C. The stars in the heavens , the prophets and the wise men declared his glory and his birth.
(NKJV) Mt 2:1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen **His star** in the East and have come to worship Him.”
3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 So they said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the **prophet**: 6 ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.’ ”
7 Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also.” 9 When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they

had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was.

10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.

11 And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

THE THINGS HE DID SPOKE OF HIM

D. The things he did

(NKJV) Jn 10:24 Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, “How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.” 25 Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father’s name, they bear witness of Me.

(NKJV) Jn 10:37 If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; 38 but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him.”

1. He was saying he was Emmanuel
2. He healed all those sick and afflicted of the devil
 - a. ***His greatest healing was that of the healing of all man from the sickness called sin!***
 - (1) just like we call alcoholism a sickness, God is gracious to call sin a sickness that afflicts men
 - (a) It is an abnormal for a man to sin
 - (b) He was not created sinful
 - (c) He was afflicted with sin by an outside force
 - (2) Just as a sickness, sin breaks down our energy and weakens our body morally and mentally
 - (3) It causes pain
 - (4) It will prove fatal if not brought under control

JOHN THE BAPTIST SPOKE OF HIM

3. John the Baptist said: Behold the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world!
4. He made the wind and the waves obey him - on the ship and walked on water
5. He created something out of nothing
 - a. Man can modify that which exists, he cannot create, only God can!
 - (1) The five loaves and two fish
6. He raised the dead showing that death- Lazarus
7. He himself came forth from the dead as he stated! Proving he could defeat the ultimate enemy

(NKJV) 1 Co 15:26 **The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.**

a. Remember that was his purpose

(NKJV) Heb 2:17 **Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful**

**High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation
for the sins of the people.**

THOSE BEFORE US BELIEVED HE WAS GOD

- E. The way the majority of the world measures time is by his birth!
 - 1. The 21st century since his birth
 - 2. The whole World knows of him

III. The meaning of his Name - Jesus

A. Jesus - YHVH is salvation! Really Yeshua

B. He is both help and salvation

- 1. life and more abundantly
- 2. Freedom from the power and guilt and penalty of sin
- 3. he re-establishes the relationship that existed in the beginning with God
- 4. We now have the ability to become Sons of God

(NKJV) Jn 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

C. Why refer to him as Yeshua?

- 1. That was his real name
 - a. Referred to by that name all his life
 - (1) Parents, family, friends, disciples
 - b. He never heard Jesus
- 2. The name means Salvation.
- 3. The Old Testament uses the name Yeshu
 - a. Every time it mentions Salvation with few exceptions it is spelled Yeshu

b. Below it refers to a person

(NKJV) Is 62:11 Indeed the LORD has proclaimed To the end of the world: "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Surely your salvation is coming; Behold, His reward is with Him, And His work before Him.' "

c. Same as

(NKJV) Re 22:12 "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."

IV. Now what does this mean to us?

IF HE IS EMMANUEL - GOD WITH US - HE IS GOD! THEN, HE IS OUR CREATOR

A.

- 1. In the beginning God created the heavens and earth
- 2. When Moses met God he was as burning bush that did not burn up. A light
- 3. The Great "I AM WHAT I AM" or "I WILL BE WHAT I WILL BE"

IF HE IS EMMANUEL - GOD WITH US – WE MUST SUBMIT TO HIM!

- B. If he is Emmanuel - God With Us, We must submit to him
1. To know life, since we cannot cause ourselves to live!
John 1:4 In him was life, and that life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

John 8:12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”
- C. If he is Emmanuel - God With Us, We must obey him
1. Shall the thing created, say to the creator I shall not do as you say?
 2. We might as face the facts
Philippians 2:9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
 3. Today we do the opposite of this
Luke 11:42 “Woe to you Pharisees, because you give God a tenth of your mint, rue and all other kinds of garden herbs, but you neglect justice and the love of God. You should have practiced the latter without leaving the former undone.
- D. If he is Emmanuel - God With Us, We must worship him
1. Attend to his words and have fellowship with one another
John 3:19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. 20 Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. 21 But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God.”
 - a. They do not stay away, they come to the place he has place his name
 - (1) Not necessary organized religion; but where there is relationship with the light!
- E. If he is Emmanuel - God With Us, We must trust him
1. Have faith in him
- F. If he is Emmanuel - God With Us, We must imitate him
1. We must strive to love one another as he had directed us to
- G. If he is Emmanuel -God with us
1. We now are reinstated to the rightful position of Son-ship with God
 - a. As long as we remain immature in our understanding, we will never experience the power available to us

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2. Let us go on to reach our Divine Potential!

- V. If he is Emmanuel - God With Us, Then You and I can say...
- A. He is Elohim - The Mighty Strong One - he is with me!
 - B. He is Yahweh - The "I AM" - He is with me
 - C. He is El Berith - God of covenant
 - D. He is El Elyon - The Most High God - He is with me
 - E. He is Adonai - Lord of Lords, and King of kings, - He is with me
 - F. He is Jireh - Our provider who sees our needs - - He is with me
 - G. He is Rapha - Our healer - - He is with me
 - H. He is M'Kaddesh - The one who sanctifies me - He is with me
 - I. He is El NISSI - My banner or my miracle - He is with me
 - J. He is Shammah - Always with me, just as he told Moses, I will be with you! - He is with me
 - K. He is Shalom - My peace in times of trouble, He is my bridge over troubled waters - He is with me
 - L. He is Tsidkenu - My Righteousness - He is with me
 - M. He is Sabaoth - He is the army encamped around me - He is with me
 - N. He is El Shaddai our Almighty God Sufficient for all my problems - He is with me
 - O. He is EL OLAM the everlasting God - He is with me as my
 - 1. Lord
 - 2. God,
 - 3. Savior
 - 4. Friend
 - 5. Lover!!
 - 6. Father
 - P. And if He is Emmanuel, and He IS with me... Who am I to be afraid of? What can man do to me?

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- Q. Therefore, I will fear no evil! I will boldly proclaim him and live my life trusting in him in whom there is no failure, no defeat
- R. I will not settle for a life of simplicity but of abundance and completeness in Messiah
 - 1. I will strive for the excellence He desires from me to have!